

Rhinitis = Inflammation → nasal mucosa → **Duration:** Acute: 1-4 weeks
Sinusitis = Inflammation → sinuses → Chronic: > 12 weeks
 ↳ Med. Infection + Inflammation

Rhinosinusitis = Inflammation → nasal mucosa + sinuses

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 usually used since close proximity
 ↳ NB can get isolated conditions
 → Eg tooth → spreads to above maxillary sinus for Eg.
 (Maxillary Nn. (CNV) may also = pain)

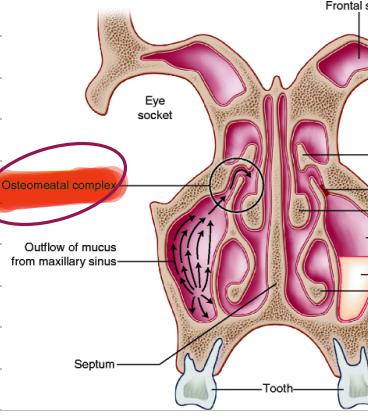
NB know Basic Nasal Anatomy
 → 2 nasal cav.
 → 3 Turbinates (on lateral walls) → Surface Area
 ↳ warm Humidity
 → 3 meati (spaces lateral to turbinates)
 ↳ All drain specific sinuses

⇒ Except Inferior meatus = Nasolacrimal Duct
 ↳ Why nose stuffy when cry



→ NB notice how close all structures are to each other
 Any infection = easy spread
 ↳ Brain
 ↳ Eye

Sinuses:
 Frontal → middle
 Maxillary → middle
 Ethmoidal Ant. → middle
 Ethmoidal post. → Superior
 Sphenoidai → Spheno-Ethmoidal recess
 Nasolacrimal duct → Inferior



Drainage: (mucus)
 NB
 ↳ Osteomeatal complex
 ↳ look like honeycomb

Cilia Action Lockup:
 - infection
 - pt's & s
 - Drugs
 - SMOKING
 ↳ Purulent = bacterial clear also

Sinusitis Dx:
 ↳ Clinical Dx
 ↳ Sympt: - morning = built up need grain to help clear!!
 ↳ Nasal obstruction
 ↳ Purulent Rhinorrhea (PND)
 - Viral → 2° bacterial
 ↳ facial pressure (Never alone)
 ↳ Hyposmia / anosmia (↓ smell)

↳ Nasal Exam: Oedema / polyoid mucosa
 : Purulent Rhinorrhea / PND - Post nasal drip

Actiology: → Acute: mostly infective
 → Chronic: mostly inflammatory
 ↳ call ENT department

Acute: (Infective) *
 ↳ viral: → Rhinovirus (50%)
 → Influenza / parainfluenza
 → RSV
 → Enterovirus

Bacterial: (SINS) → S. Aureus *
 ↳ S. Pyogenes *
 SINS = Sinusitis (bacterial) → H. Influenza *
 → *Neisseria catarrhalis* *

Fungal: (invasive Rhinosinusitis)
 ↳ Aspergillus
 ↳ Rhizopus (mucormycosis) SPEC NB

NB Immunocompromised pt. with Acute Sinusitis = test for fungal & call ENT surgeon !!
 Acute + Rhinosinusitis = Antifungal + ENT Surgeon

Acute → Pathophysiology:
 → Inflammation of nasal mucosa
 → ↓ Cilia function + oedema *
 ⇒ Blockage of ostiomeatal complex
 = unventilated sinus
 ↳ initial ↑ pressure → (-) pressure ensues
 2° bacterial infection! ↑ oedema + Exudate → ↑ due to gas loss ↓ (-) pressure
 ↳ ideal bacterial medium

Viral vs Bacterial:
 Viral = 1st → almost always
 Bacterial = 2° to 1° viral infection (after ~ day 10)

↳ Double sickening NB
 ↳ Severe local pain (unilateral predominance)
 ↳ Discoloured Rhinorrhoea NB
 ↳ Fever > 38°C
 ↳ ↑ CRP NB * NB → super NB

+xt = Symptomatic:
 ↳ Decongestants + steam inhalation
 ↳ NB Watch out for Rhinitis medicamentosa

↳ Analgesia (Tylenol) SCOML H2O
 ↳ Nasal douche → NaCl (table salt) TS
 (community acquired) CAI → Bicarbonate of soda TS
 ↳ AB → Amoxil (1°) → 1st choice S. Aureus cover
 → Augmentin (2°) → Broad (co-amoxiclav)
 ↳ HAT (Hospital Acquired) → take too long

↳ Intra-nasal steroids = not effective + xt
 ↳ Systemic steroids = rarely needed but can be Adjunct

↳ Surgery non-resolving sinusitis
 complications ENT surgeon

Chronic sinusitis: → Inflammation based! *

pathophysiology = complex + poorly understood

↳ But basically: Severe inflammatory response
Due to exogenous stimulus *

⇒ Almost acts as if its Autoimmune in a sense

⇒ 2 types of Chronic Sinusitis: *

- ↳ CRSsNP (No Nasal Polyps)
- ↳ CRSwNP (with Nasal Polyps) *acute ≠ chronic*

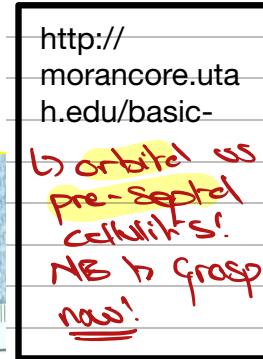
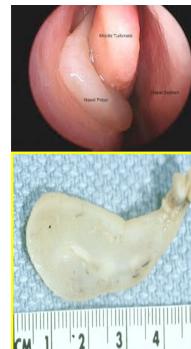
Txt: → AB short course

steroids in chronic → Steroids (topical & systemic)
→ Nasal Douche (NaCl bicarb)
→ Specialist → polyp removal etc.
↳ chronic = Always go to Specialist NB!

How know its a polyp? → NB in SI exams

- ↳ Grapes shape
- ↳ No sensation of touch
- ↳ Not bleed (+ pale)

{NB for future!}



Complications:



Chronic → mucoscele

Orbital Complications:

Chandler Classification

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- ① Pre-septal cellulitis
→ anterior to tarsal plate
→ posterior to skin
- ② Orbital cellulitis
→ posterior to tarsal plate
- ③ Subperiosteal Abscess
- ④ Orbital Abscess

Within orbital septum = tarsal plate
(Thick layer of connective tissue)



Chandler Category (2) → Orbital cellulitis

↳ Signs:

- ↳ Chemosis (conjunctival oedema)
- ↳ Proptosis (eye pushed forward)
- ↳ ↓ Range of movement
- ↳ Vision affection

↳ color vision first (R/g)
↳ ↓ visual Acuity
← ↳ RAPD (NB) (NR)

↳ Examination finding → Asymmetric pupillary Rn to light

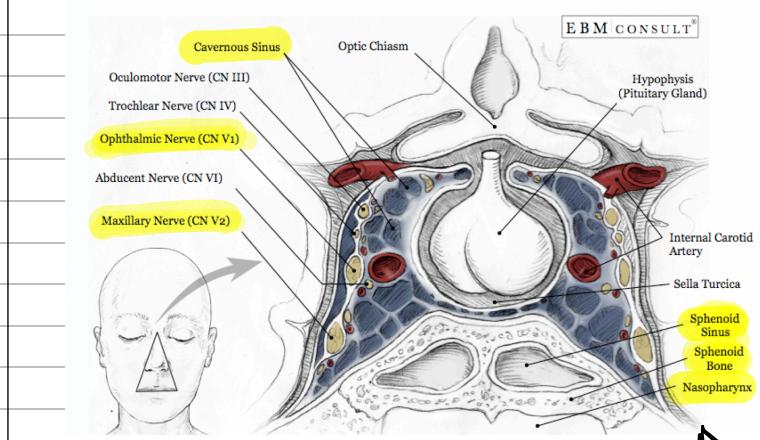
Chandler Category (5): Cavernous Sinus Thrombosis

↳ DEADLY (NB DEADLY)

↳ Start txt + refer to specialist

↳ clinical signs = same as orbital cellulitis

V1 = ophthalmic Nn. → (+) V1 & V2 /albut
V2 = maxillary Nn. (+) Bilateral orbital oedema



Intracranial complications:

- ↳ Meningitis
 - ↳ Epidural
 - ↳ Subdural
 - ↳ Intracranial
 - ↳ Cavernous Sinus Thrombosis
- {Abscess} NB NB
- Septic Foci's

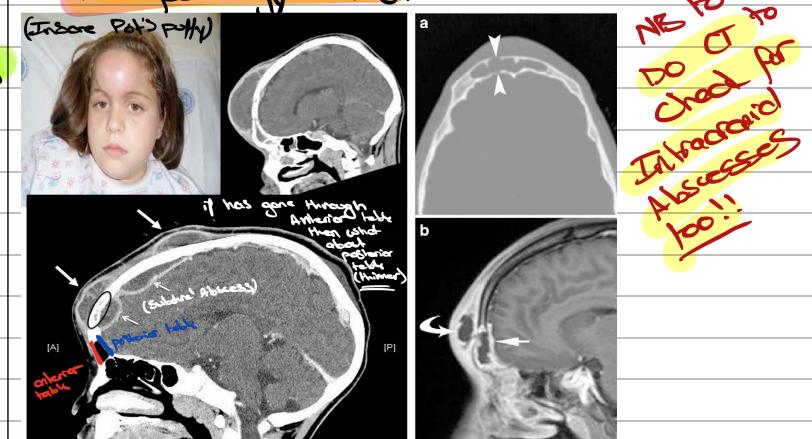
Ossous Complications:

Pott's Puffy Tumor → Always check for
↓ subperiosteal Abscess Intracranial Abscess
↓ overlying frontal sinus TOO!!

Osteomyelitis of Anterior frontal sinus table

↳ tables are so thin = can go Intracranially too

⇒ Always have a CT - Brain contrasted done.
⇒ not only Nasal Aspiration but also Address the sinus pathology = NB!



Chronic Complications:

- mucosseous
- pathophysiology:
 - Sinus = closed off
 - Sinus secretions continue
 - Bone = thins out
 - surrounding deformity ensues

*NB = most common
Frontal = least common*

Rx = drainage
Pyocoele = pus



Nasal Obstruction:

Anatomy Derived DDX
Age Derived

2 NB questions:

1) Unilateral / Bilateral?

(NB)

2) Does it come & go or constant?
↳ if come & go = mucosa (Bone ≠ □)
↳ constant = structural

Anatomy derived DDX

NB

Mucosal:

- ↳ Rhinitis
- ↳ Polyps
- ↳ Masses

Structural:

- ↳ Deviated nasal sphm
- ↳ Concha Bullosa
- Middle turbinate = air cell in
- ↳ Additional air cells
- ↳ Agger Nasi cells
- ↳ Haller cells

Age derived DDX

Pediatric

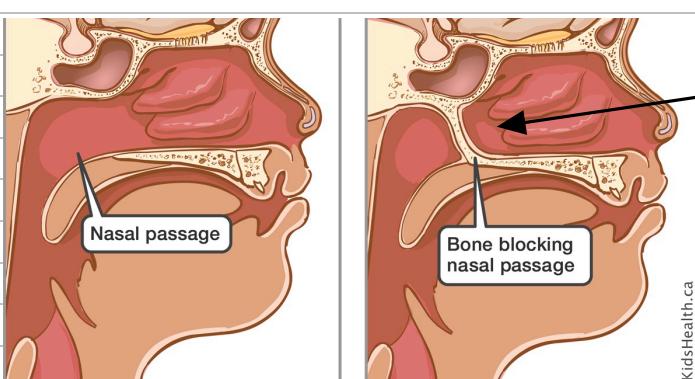
- Neonate → failed development of a nose
 - ↳ Choanal atresia
- Child
 - ↳ Adenoid hypertrophy
 - ↳ Allergic rhinitis
 - ↳ Foreign bodies
 - ↳ Meningo- /encephalocele
 - ↳ (polyps)

↳ Nas + polyp = trunk of cystic fibrosis DDX.

Adult

- Allergic rhinitis
- Common cold
- Anatomical abnormalities
- Trauma
- Polyps
- Foreign bodies
- Adenoid hypertrophy
- Neoplasms

Adults
shouldn't
have
Adenoids



NB

